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## LUXOR HERO DEAD.

### PASSING OF LORD CARNARVON.

### THE MOSQUITO BITE QUEER THEORIES.

Lord Carnarvon, who discovered the tomb of King Tutankhamen at Luxor, died peacefully on April 5 at 2 a.m. from pneumonia. He was conscious almost to the end, says Reuter from Cairo.

He had been hovering between life and death for some days, and it was only his amazing vitality that delayed the end. First he was reported sinking, then he would rally; next a turn for the worse, and then an improvement. But the curtain fell at last.

Lady Carnarvon, who hurried to Egypt a fortnight ago, making the first stage of the journey by air, was at the bedside almost continuously since the crisis of pneumonia appeared.

After Tutankhamen's tomb had been sealed up for the season the Earl developed blood poisoning, attributed to a mosquito bite in the face. This was followed by a severe attack of pneumonia and pleurisy.

The King has sent the following message to Lord Porchester, who succeeds his father in the cardinalate:

The Queen and I have learned with great regret of the death of your father, especially after the splendid fight which was made for his life. We offer you and your dear mother and family our sincere sympathy in your great bereavement.

#### HAND OF VENGEANCE?

A controversy is raging over a suggestion that there is a sinister significance in the fate of Lord Carnarvon.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle considers that it was dangerous for Lord Carnarvon to enter the tomb owing to occult or other influences. "An evil elemental—an imbibed force which may be brought into being by spirit means or by nature—may have caused the fatal illness," he said.

Miss Marie Corelli's suggestion that possibly he was not merely the victim of a mosquito bite, has not been idly accepted.

Already special scientific investigations and tests are being made of the preservatives used in some of the boxes and packings unearthing at Luxor.

The French Academy of Tropical Medicine (with which there is associated the London College) are investigating the amazing theory that Lord Carnarvon was bitten by a many-centuries-old mosquito which had lain dormant in the tomb of the Pharaoh, and awakened to life by the influx of fresh air upon the unsealing of the tomb.

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## BABY'S FATE IN COPPER.

### STARTLING EVIDENCE IN UNUSUAL CASE.

From Our Own Correspondent. Portsmouth, Saturday.—Strange disclosures were made at Portsmouth police court to-day when, following the disappearance of a baby, Nellie Mislen was charged with failing to register under the Infants' Protection Act a child she had taken charge of as a ward. She pleaded guilty.

Evidence showed that the baby was born on Dec. 15 last, and arrangements were made with Mislen to take care of it. It was suggested that she should receive £100. Eventually £50 was sent by the mother.

Evelyn Hayward, of Lion-terrace, Portsea, said that she was aware that Mislen had taken charge of the baby. She knew that the child was very delicate and became ill, and that Mislen would not send for a doctor because she had not registered it. The baby died about the end of February.

Asked by the magistrate's clerk what became of the body, witness said that Mislen destroyed it. She put it under the copper and burnt it.

Insp. Phillips said that he had searched the house in which Mislen lived, but could discover no trace of the body.

Mislen's story was that she had seen an announcement in the Press that anyone failing to register a nurse child was liable to six months' imprisonment. This frightened her, and was the reason she did not call in a doctor.

Insp. Phillips also stated that he had no reason to believe that the child died anything but a natural death. Mislen had two other nurse children, who appeared to be well looked after.

Mislen was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

#### HUMAN DRAMAS.

### YESTERDAY'S SIDELIGHTS FROM THE POLICE COURTS.

Both room as Sculter.—A tenant of a flat told the Aston Bench that he used the bath-room as a scullery, and the bath-tub as a sink, adding that the room was used as a coal-cellar by a previous tenant.

**Shop Manager Sentenced.**—Pleading guilty, Arthur Miles (30), shop manager, of Fairlawn Mansions, New Cross Gate, was at West London sentenced to month's hard labour for embezzling £200, the money of his employers, Greenless and Sons, boot retailers, of Fulham-road.

**Escaped from a Home.**—Following her escape from a home, in which she had been sent two days previously, Margaret Fear (20), a Morlaix domestic servant, was remanded in custody at Kingston charged with having been found wandering at Coombe-end, Norbiton.

**Wanderer and Girl.**—Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed at East Ham on Charles Thomas Childs (19), a shopkeeper, of Harold-nd, Upton Park, who pleaded guilty of improper behaviour towards a girl as she was leaving her work.

**Spring Cleaning.**—Landlady at Willesden: The woman upstairs has started her spring cleaning and so have I. Can I have a policeman come round and caution her not to empty her old rubbish on my head when I go out into the garden? The request was refused.

**Grief and Theft.**—"It is only since I have lost my wife and children that I have been like this," said Christopher James (31), a motor driver, who after previous convictions for like offences was at Lambeth sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing a bicycle from outside a public house.

**Alleged Motor-car Thiefs.**—Refusing his address, George Page (30), a dealer, was at Bow-st sent for trial, charged with stealing two motor-cars, valued at £550 and £250 respectively, belonging to Mr. C. L. Ward, of Brook-st, W., and Mr. R. G. Miller, motor agent, of Regent's-court, Hanover-gate, N.W.

**Mother's Sorry Plight.**—"I only had three drinks," was the plea of Gwenie-line Burnett (26), of Clarendon-st, Paddington, who at Marylebone was fined £20, or eleven days' imprisonment, for having been drunk while in charge of two children. Accused was seen staggering along with a baby in her arms, and a four-year-old child tottering at her side.

**Tell It With a Poster.**—A woman complained at Willesden that her landlady wanted to cover the end wall of her house with posters, and she objected. The landlady had now informed her that she only rented "the inside wall of the house and not the outside." Magistrate: "I think she is wrong. Refuse to allow her to use the wall for billposting, and see what happens."

**Tracking Down Murderers.**—When John Healey pleaded guilty at Thame to a charge of beggary he said that he had travelled all over the United States tracking down murderers, and that it was due to his efforts that Allaway, the Bournemouth murderer, was brought to justice. He had only recently arrived from Liverpool. Having been interviewed by the court, missionary and promising to leave London accused was bound over.

**Passing the Time.**—Stating that he was a pensioner and went there to pass the time away, James Reed (70), of Roman rd., was fined £10 at East Ham for loitering for betting purposes on the petition of money-lenders. His deficit was stated to be over £9,000.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS RELIEVE PAIN "Peculiar People" Resent Essex Coroner's Strictures.**

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Mrs. Lily Charlotte Groom, one of the competitors in the London to Brighton perambulator walking race, feeding her baby. She was leading at Crawley.

## SOLICITOR IN THE DOCK.

### £3,860 INVOLVED IN FOUR FRAUD CHARGES.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Rochester, Saturday.

George Robinson, solicitor, and formerly Clerk to Rochester City Justices, appeared at Rochester police court to-day on four charges of fraud.

The court was crowded when Robinson entered in charge of an inspector.

He looked frail and worried, and seemed reluctant to go into the dock, where, as an official of the court, he had seen many hundreds of prisoners placed.

Asked his age, prisoner replied: "Sixty-five to-morrow."

The charges were that accused had converted to his own use four sums:



George Robinson in the Dock.

£550, £40, £800, and £2,000, his clients' money.

Chief-constable Arnold gave evidence of arrest. He described how he met prisoner as he alighted from a tramcar. Witness said to prisoner: "I have bad news for you," and after reading the warrant, arrested him.

On being remanded till next Friday, prisoner asked for bail, but looked round the court in vain for a surety.

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#### MUSIC OF THE ANVIL.

Twenty-five farriers, including the champion of Hertfordshire, Mr. Nears, and several silver medalists, took part in the tenth annual shoeing competition under the auspices of the Master Farriers' Association and the National Equine Defence League held at King's Cross, London, yesterday. Competitors had to fit two shoes of their own making on a horse in fifty minutes—ample time—the quality of the work being the chief factor.

#### POSTMISTRESS IN DOCK.

Annie Lloyd Jones, a postmistress, was yesterday, at Swansea, remanded in custody for a week, on a charge of the embezzlement and theft of £100, the property of the Postmaster-General. Mr. Bourne, prosecuting, opposed bail, stating that this particular charge was one of many, and the total deficiency would probably approach £1,000.

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## DEATH LEAP FROM HOTEL.

### PUZZLING LETTERS. WHAT MADE THE WOMAN BROKEN-HEARTED?

"Suicide while of unsound mind" was the verdict at the adjourned inquest yesterday on Miss Elizabeth Reid, of Strathbungo, Glasgow, who came to London hurriedly and whose body was found in the basement of the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton, W.C., on March 22.

Miss Reid gave her name at the hotel as "Mrs. Rowan." Before her death she destroyed clues to her identity.

A guest at the hotel said that on the night of the tragedy he heard a crash of breaking glass, followed by a thud, and he and another man who had been disturbed came to the conclusion that someone had gone through a window.

Miss Margaret Aitken Reid, a sister, recalled, produced the letter Elizabeth wrote when leaving Glasgow for London. The letter began "Peg," which was not the usual way she wrote. She usually began "My dear Peg."

"In that letter," said the coroner, "she says, 'I am worried to death and heartbroken, and have written to the office saying I am not returning, as I honestly cannot go on. I can do nothing right. I am not returning to-morrow. You will be much happier without me. Don't worry about me. I am not worried, and you will soon forget. You will always be in my thoughts. Meanwhile, good-bye. You will never know what this has cost me.—D.L.'"

Witness said that since the last hearing she had been unable to find anything further that would throw light upon the tragedy.

A police officer said that only 5d. was found on the dead woman.

#### SECRETIVE NATURE

Miss Reid said her sister could have appeared successfully to her for money.

The Coroner: She says she could do nothing right. What did she mean?

Was she a person to think much over troubles?—Yes.

Was she a person to keep things to herself?—Yes, very much so.

Witness said her sister died in 1913 as the result of a fall. Elizabeth did not talk about her very much though she was very attached to the dead girl.

William Connell, a clerk at Glasgow, said he was not engaged to Miss Elizabeth Reid, but they were "extremely friendly." He saw her on March 19, when she was slightly upset. She talked about it being her mother's birthday. Her mother had been dead some years. She also said that her sister's anniversary was coming on.

Witness added that Miss Reid had never threatened to take her life. He received a letter from her on March 19 in which she addressed him by his name without any prefix. That was unusual for her.

Witness handed the Coroner the letter, and the Coroner remarked that one of the sentences was: "Do what you can for Peg. Broken-hearted Daisy."

#### WOUNDING CHARGE.

### WOMAN REMANDED IN CUSTODY.

There was a sequel at Bow-st police court yesterday to a night scene on the Victoria Embankment when Florence Sullivan, aged 43, of Holyoake-nd, Kennington, was remanded in custody on a charge of wounding, with intent to murder, Amelia Southwood, aged 27, of King's Cross.

The alleged offence was said to have been committed while a queue was waiting to board an L.C.C. tramcar.

Det.-Sgt. Aldridge said that when arrested on Friday evening, five days after the incident, Sullivan said, "I did not use any instrument. I had a fight with a woman." Acc



## Spring Dyeing Hints.

(Conducted by MIMI.)

**T**HIS is the dyeing season—the period when little housewives spend their spare moments in "doing-up" the best of last year's spring wardrobe so that they need not wear their fine new clothes until the warm weather is more firmly established.

They dye and dye—and then generally have to wear the new jumper, after all, because their efforts have not been successful.

And this in spite of the many excellent dyes on the market.

The reason of this is that although the directions on the packet are followed, they are not detailed enough to help the novice in what is really a difficult process.

Before buying your dye, consult the colour scale which will be found on the packet, so as to be quite sure that it is one which will "take" on the present tint of the garment which you desire to renovate. Also pay attention to the dye itself. If it is cotton or silk, a preparation that requires boiling will be all right. If it be of wool, choose a cold-water dye. Fragile materials also require a cold dye; very soiled fabrics are better treated with a preparation that cleanses as well as dyes; an unsold garment needs only a tinting medium.



## THE HELPING HAND.

**T**O RENOVATE A GILT MIRROR.—The best way to renovate an old English gilt mirror is to boil four nice-sized onions in a quart of water until soft, not allowing them to break. Strain and use the liquid with a soft rag. Afterwards polish with a dry leather. Stouts is also considered an excellent remedy for cleaning and preserving old English gilt.

**SILK STOCKING HINT.**—When darned silk stockings use very fine mercerized cotton, which will last better than silk. A very good way of strengthening the stocking is to sew a piece of silk inside the heel and toe. This will make the stocking last much longer and when the time comes to darn it there will be a foundation to work upon.

**MUD STAINS.**—Leave mud-stains on skirts, etc., severely alone till it is thoroughly dry. Then brush with a stiff clothes brush. If any stain remains dip a piece of cotton in alcohol and rub till the spot disappears.

Another plan is to rub the spot with a cut potato. Potato juice is very cleansing, and is easily removed afterwards with a cloth and warm water.

**STAINS ON KNIFE BLADES.**—Stains on knife blades may easily be removed by rubbing with a cut raw potato dipped in bath-brick or knife-powder. Lay the knife blade on a board and then rub up and down with the potato till the stain disappears.

**TO CLEAN TIN COVERS AND PANS.**—An old-fashioned, but effective way of keeping tin covers and pans brightly polished is as follows:—Rub them first of all with a damp cloth, then take dry flour and rub it on with the hands. Polish off by rubbing thoroughly with crumpled newspaper.

**CLEANING OLD BRASS.**—Salt and a special paste is made in this way. After some rottension and mix it with soft soap and oil of turpentine to the consistency of putty. Press it into a jar. When it is required for use a little of the concoction mixed with water first rubbed

Having chosen your dye and its colour, mix it according to the direction given on the market. Then pour the mixed liquid through a piece of muslin. This will ensure every particle of dye being dissolved. If the material be of light weight, more water can be added. If heavy, reduce the bulk somewhat.

Never attempt to dye a garment unless you possess a vessel of some sort large enough to allow you to immerse it thoroughly and have plenty of room for moving it about in the dye.

The whole of the time the article is in the dye it must be kept on the move—not round and round, but up and down, turning it over and over with each movement. Do not diminish the stated time. If five minutes are required, four and a half will not be sufficient to obtain a good result. Give more minutes rather than fewer seconds. If the dye has to be kept "on the boil," boil it only, do not let it "gallop."

The most important process of them all is the rinsing. Garments dyed must be rinsed until no trace of the new colour can be observed in the rinsing water. The moisture must not be wrung or pressed out. The article must be hung up where it can be allowed to drip with impunity. When dry, iron on the wrong side of the material. Always dye a piece of left-over material and a length or so of mending-silk or wool at the same time. It is very difficult to match home-dyed material. If there are any worn places, mend them before commencing the dyeing operation. There is no reason at all why a home-dyed article should not be as great a success as one which is "sent away" for the purpose.



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**NO. 109.**—Smart coat frock with a box pleat panel front and back. The collar, cuffs and two-piece belt are fashioned of contrasting material. The sleeves are set into low armholes. The vest fastens down the left side of panel, and the dress slips on over the head. **91.**  
**NO. 110.**—Dainty cross-over blouse with ordinary set-in sleeves gathered into a wristband. The material is gathered in soft pleats in front to a novel shaped yoke. The fronts are turned back to form revers, to which is attached the collar. **61.**  
**NO. 111.**—Practical slip-on frock for girls of 6-8, 8-10, 10-12, fashioned in two contrasting materials. The shaped skirt is attached to the long bodice and blanket-stitched; the neck and sleeves are also worked to match. A loose belt of the same material as the skirt confines the fullness at the waist. **91.**

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**THE BUDGET—**

We are all discussing the disposal of a Budget surplus which does not exist. The 105 millions have already been disposed of under statute for the reduction of debt. What we are now concerned with is a coming financial year. It is the duty of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to estimate whether with existing taxes he may reckon on a similar surplus and give relief in taxation to the amount of the excess.

If Mr. Baldwin were simply to consult popular feeling he would, without hesitation, reduce the beer and sugar duties and take a shilling or sixpence off the income tax. With regard to beer, the brewers have been doing well, and should contribute towards the reduction in price. In the case of sugar it will be more difficult to pass on the benefit to consumers. The last reduction in the tea duty, for instance, was intercepted by the trade.

Mr. Baldwin has to estimate the yield from all sources of taxation and also to estimate what further economies can be effected in expenditure. He has been overwhelmed with suggestions for a reduction of taxes from all quarters, but the three we have mentioned seem to be the most urgent, and certainly the most popular.

**AND HOUSING.**

If the Government were to consider solely their own security—or, perhaps, as Mr. Bonar Law would say, tranquillity—they would adopt an opportunist policy with regard to housing, which could be justified as an urgent emergency measure, and devote a large part of the surplus revenues to providing cheap housing accommodation. Mr. Neville Chamberlain says frankly that he is laying the foundation of a national policy and planning for the future. It will take many years before his great scheme can be realised to the full. Already he is threatened with criticisms; first, because he proposes to confine the subsidy to non-parlour houses, and if he were to offer assistance to any large extent to the parlour type of house he would be equally condemned for favouring the middle classes.

The building of cheap houses has ceased to be a commercial enterprise. It is a social rather than an economic question. Hence, Sir L. Worthington-Evans suggests to the Government that they should make a short cut to success by allocating a very large part of the Budget surplus to subsidising the housing policy. By this means greater assistance could be given to working men to acquire their own houses, private enterprise would be encouraged, and an attack made on the slums. In fact, Sir Worthington-Evans's plan would advance housing reform by many years, and the Government, while reaping popularity, could point to the benefits conferred on the masses by lower rents and improved social conditions. Mr. Bonar Law is not likely to adopt an opportunist policy unless he can justify it in the national interest.

**THE DISCONTENT ON THE FARM.**

By SIR HERBERT MATTHEWS  
(The Central Chamber of Agriculture).

THE present situation is equally

a grave for the farmer and for the farm labourer.

Under present conditions I see no solution to the problem.

The farmers cannot afford to pay a wage that will enable their workers to live like decent citizens, and the workers cannot exist on the money they are now drawing.

Yet if wages were proportioned on a strictly economic basis, to allow the farmer to balance his accounts without making any profit at all, they would be appreciably less.

What, then, is to be done? Are the farmers to continue struggling to keep their heads above water in the hope that something may turn up—what they cannot say.

Obviously, the solution is not to be found in a subsidy which will tend to turn one section of the community against the other by inviting the taxpayer to support farming without helping the farmer to run his business on paying lines. One must repair the hole in the bucket before pouring in more water.

Encourage farmers to produce more meat, wool and cereals and persuade the townsmen that he must support his country brother and not attempt to make a living off his back.

The British farmer is a much misunderstood individual, and in many cases does not get a fair market for his produce. Of late he has merely been living from hand to mouth, producing enough to keep himself, perhaps, and making a small profit on his milk.

Until England realises that agriculture is a vital part of its existence, there is no hope for the farmer. I am afraid many people look on farming as merely a hobby indulged in by folk who have nothing better to do. England is not a purely industrial nation, it is an agricultural one.

It is an interesting point that for every farm that has vacant there are many applicants; some of them farmers, the greater part of them townsmen who have made money and are obsessed with the "back to the land" idea.

The farm labourer himself is in an exceeding parlous situation, working in an industry that is not self-supporting in the main.

Yet he has to buy food and clothes at the same price as his fellows working in other jobs. Years ago although his wages were small he was far better off as he lived practically in the farm itself and was provided with food by his master.

Now he finds himself in a false position, and I fear the present strike will do nothing save draw public attention to a state of affairs that is both unfortunate and disgraceful in a civilised country.

The farmers would pay larger wages if their business permitted them to do so, and when this is brought about agriculture will be in its rightful position as the premier national occupation.

(See Interview.)

**RANDOM RHYMES.**

The interest in Lenin's health continues unabated, Once more, I see, his death has been somewhat exaggerated; He's quite determined not to die, and I, for one, don't blame him, For when he does, old Beelzebub is pretty sure to claim him. And Trotsky too, is very ill, that mild and gentle Trotsky Who never fails to let his hated rivals know what's what; And Chicherin is "indisposed"—I'm quite concerned about them, If they should die how will the Russians get along without them?

His proper name is Micky, he's the Father of the Zoo, He holds the old-age record, and he knows a thing or two, Though "weedy" in his boyhood, he yet has lived to see A longer spell of life than any other chimpanzee. They used to think he'd "snuff it," but he falsified their fears, On Friday last he'd lived exactly five and twenty years; A quarter of a century! I think you'll all agree That's not so very dusty for a "weedy" chimpanzee.

A man was charged at Tottenham, and to the "Beak" he said He'd had a little drop of drink and so he lost his head; A woman, too, was charged, and she at once made answer meet That she had had a drop of drink and so she lost her feet. This teaches us to drink in moderation, for it seems That drinking really can't be good which goes to such extremes.

**AN ANCIENT GAME.**

A game two thousand years old is now fascinating all social London. It dates back to Confucius, and centuries ago was only played by the Royal family of China and the mandarins. Any one below this rank was not allowed, under extreme penalty, to play the game, even though they had discovered the rules, which were honoured through generations of aristocratic Chinamen.

When the country became a republic a few years ago the secret of the game naturally leaked out. Coolies, as well as Paris and Mayfair, are now enthusiastic about the lure of the little coloured pieces of ivory and bamboo. A May-Pong (so the game is called) tournament is to be held in aid of the country home for poor children in which Mrs. Benjamin Guinness is interested at 11, Carlton House-Terrace, at the end of the month.

**TALK of the PEOPLE**

BY "WIDEAWAKE"

The Prince and Trade. The Prince of Wales is expected to make another important speech on trade and commerce at the annual dinner of the Associated Chambers of Commerce at the Hotel Metropole on April 18. He will have an exceptionally representative audience, since the Local Chambers of Commerce throughout the country are, in many cases, inviting their members of Parliament, who will then be in session and can get away easily.

It is likely that the Prince will deal with trade promotion and unemployment, the more so as he has been recently making himself very familiar with all aspects of the latter problem. The Prime Minister's Holiday.

The Prime Minister, whose health has been completely restored by his brief stay at Torquay, where he enjoyed excellent weather, returned to London yesterday afternoon. The House of Commons meets on Monday. The Prime Minister's first special duty will be to consider the problem of the Budget with the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The Budget will be introduced on April 16.

Mr. Bonar Law has had a quiet time in Devonshire. He has taken a good deal of open-air exercise, has played golf, attended, of course, to urgent business, and spent a couple of hours with the French statesman, M. Léonard.

Lord Curzon in France.

Lord Curzon, the Foreign Secretary, is staying at Tours in the centre of France, celebrated for its historic castles, undergoing treatment for phlebitis (inflammation of the veins) by a local specialist in whom he has great confidence. Lord Curzon will remain under treatment for another two weeks. He is in constant communication with the Foreign Office.

**Northcliffe's Message to his Wife.**

The statements which have appeared in the Press regarding the marriage of Lady Northcliffe, widow of Lord

Northcliffe, who died eight months ago, to Sir Robert Hudson, are not quite accurate. It is stated, for instance, that Lady Northcliffe loses a considerable part of her income on remarrying. That is not the case. The conditions in Lord Northcliffe's will, made in 1919, involved a loss on re-marriage, but the final settlement was a compromise between that will and one which Lord Northcliffe made on his death-bed.

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The Northcliffes and Sir Robert. For several years Sir Robert Hudson was the close friend of both Lord and Lady Northcliffe. He accompanied Lord Northcliffe to Switzerland and the South of France on the occasion of his last illness. A close friendship sprang

up between the three during the war, when Sir Robert Hudson was head of the Red Cross Society, to which Lady Northcliffe devoted herself, and with her husband gave generous support.

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Philip to Industry—Lady Northcliffe's Romance—The Premier Better.

A Scot's Idea.

The originator of the club was a Glasgow Scotman, Mr. T. C. Gordon, a quiet-mannered young man who did his bit in the war and has had experience in catering. His associate in the management is another Scotman, Mr. J. B. Mackay. Most of the capital of £25,000 spent on the club has come from Glasgow, and the chairman of the board is Baillie Wilson, of that city.

Mr. Wilson visited every big city in Europe, but could find no institution combining a club, a dancing palace and restaurants comparable to the London. Mr. Gordon Selfridge is taking a keen interest in the experiment, as he recognises the advantages offered by the club as a centre for social entertainment.

A Romance of Seven Dials.

These Glasgow Scots are shrewd business men. One of the directors of this new club started his London friends in 1912 by announcing his intention of building a hotel in Seven Dials—a place which had a history from the days of Dickens associated with alum and crime. The Seven Dials has lost its old reputation and its unsavoury environment. The Glasgow man and his colleagues built the Shaftesbury Hotel—run on popular lines—which was an immediate success. The Scotsmen sold the hotel to a company, receiving £5 for each of their £1 shares.

Indian High Commissioner.

Another example of the changing conditions in India is the appointment of Mr. Dadiba Mervanji Dalal as High Commissioner in London. He arrives in a few days' time to take up his position. Thus the process of Indianising the Civil Service and official life in India continues.

An Intrepid Traveller.

Lady Richmond Brown, who has had such thrilling experiences in Central America, where she accompanied Mr. F. A. Mitchell Hedges on a two years' voyage of exploration, is the wife of Sir Melville Richmond Brown, Bart. Sir Melville was the founder of the famous mercantile firm of Brown, Shipley and Company.

Lady Brown's intrepid journeys place her in the forefront of these plucky women.

Lady Rival.

An interesting debate is to take place at the Labour Institute, Ford-rod, Bermondsey, on Thursday evening, between Councillor Miss Jessie Stephens (I.L.P.) and Mrs. Gladys Skeeton, B.A. (Central Council for Economic Information). The subject for discussion is that "Socialism is the Only Cure for Industrial Unrest." As both ladies are capable speakers the combat should prove exciting.

"Dagonet's" Library.

The library of the late Geo. R. Sims is to be offered for sale on Thursday next by Hodgeson in Chancery-lane. "Dagonet" was not a collector but his library contains many presentation volumes, letters from eminent authors and a valuable assortment of books on criminology. Mr. Sims was a keen student of crime and specialised in mysteries of all kinds.

Criminal Relics.

In addition to "Dagonet's" books there will be sold his collection of criminal relics—things which should be in Madame Tussaud's or at Scotland Yard. There are belongings of a lot of notorious murderers, portraits of them with their signatures, chairs and baskets which they used, and other relics associated with crime, such as a bit of the heartstone under which Deeming, the Rainhill murderer, buried his victim, and a fragment of the beam from which prisoners were hanged in old Newgate Prison.

Rush to Join the Army.

"Tommy Atkins" was not up to date in his Army Notes last week. Since he wrote and since Colonel Guinness spoke in the House of Commons complaining of a shortage of men, the War Office spent £1,000 in advertising and received 20,000 applications—chiefly from ex-soldiers. The height has been raised and the chest measurement increased, but still they come, and if Parliament had voted for an increase of 100,000 instead of only 10,000, the men would have been found promptly.

The annual number of recruits who joined the Army in pre-war days averaged 20,000. For the 12 months ending last week the number recruited was 20,000. Only in one branch is there any shortage and that for the mechanics in connection with tanks, motor cars, etc. There is a shortage of 2,000 mechanics just now. While the pay is not so good as for civil work there is more security.

The director, he explained, had in the public interest, resolved to sell off their stock at an enormous reduction, so by restocking with new goods they might assist the manufacturers and reduce unemployment. Heartily applauding this patriotic policy, I regretted that my wife was not there to take advantage of it. The man, however, obtained his service of a superior official who resolved to make himself at my service, and I resolved to do my best. At first, as we went from floor to floor, I contented myself with an occasional purchase of such articles as stockings, two umbrellas, a rolling-trunk, and so forth, acting on strictly the advice of my companion. I confess, however, that I gradually became aware of a peculiar feeling of exaltation, a sort of desire of acquisition. Casting prudently aside the winds, I purchased among other things a vacuum cleaner, a grand piano, and a set of parlour bowls.

By this time my guide had been relieved by a younger man, but I was standing the strain well. Snatching a glass of milk, I added to my list a scooter, a gramophone and some conjuring tricks; a miniature billiards table and two dozen strong dusters with blue borders, hemmed. From this point my recollection is not clear. I remember fragments of conversation: "Jones is done, tell Williams to take his place . . . wonder how he got away . . . better telephone . . . open his collar . . . is that the substance?"

I recovered consciousness at home and then they brought me here . . .

The good old man threw his blazer at a corgi and fell asleep, and I slept soundly enough.

**CIGARETTE PAPERS.**  
FOR AFTER DINNER SMOKING.

By the Losenger.

THE approaching opening of the Royal Academy and the numerous exhibitions of painting and sculpture with which we have been so familiar of late have caused me to reflect on the subject of Art. Frankly I am dissatisfied. I am tired of seeing a portrait of His Worship the Mayor of Little Paddington in his chair of office, or of "Daughters of Lord Bunghole," famous brewer, or even of a general or an eminent lawyer.

It is not so much the subjects that annoy me as their presentation. The victims are represented sitting, standing about in stiff attitudes, variously posed for the occasion. We cannot have a new style of "action" portrait-painting, in which the subject is shown engaged in some pleasant appropriate occupation? Here are some suggestions to which Orpen, Sargent and their brethren are welcome:

The late Mr. Keating.—In a cigar mixing his famous powder. In a chair, floss holding burial service, one of their number who has recently died.

Mr. A. S. M. Hutchinson (author of "Winter Comes")—Choosing one's underwear.

The Speaker of the House of Commons—Speaking.

Lord Leverhulme—Putting the soap in soap.

## MYSTERY OF THE HEADLESS WOMAN.

### STILL NO SOLUTION, IN SPITE OF RUMOUR'S EVIL TONGUE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Paris, Saturday.—One of the most baffling mysteries with which the French police have ever been faced has disturbed the ancient little town of Caen, and divided its inhabitants into two camps.

It is the "Mystery of the Headless Woman," and this usually tranquil Norman city, with its grey walls, its university, students and professors, its pompous legal dignitaries (for it is a legal training centre), and its placid provincial life has now become a nest of suspicions, of rumours, of terrible accusations.

The first scenes in this drama were unfolded last year. In September a railway worker named Romain took a short cut across a copse to gain the station of Moulin Argences, in the district of Caen. As he made his way through the undergrowth in the twilight he was startled to see in front of him the body of a woman. The body was decomposed; there was not a vestige of clothing; and to his horror he saw that the head of this woman was missing.

Whoever had done her to death had taken the utmost precaution to ensure that when the body was found in this lonely place there should be no means of establishing her identity.

The first task of the police was to try to establish her identity. Parents in the district whose daughters had left home were called in to view the body, but none could give any clue.

She corresponded to none of the women notified by the Paris police as being missing, nor to any on the lists forwarded by the authorities of the big towns like Marseilles and Lyons. She was evidently a woman of between 30 and 35 years of age, blonde, rather stout. Her hands were manicured; her nails were tapered in the latest fashion and painted, and the fingers bore the marks of many rings.

#### MYSTERIOUS SIGNALS.

The head had been sawn from the neck, a long operation that could not have taken place on the spot, and at once it was obvious to the detectives that the body had been taken to the wood after the crime.

And then people began to remember incidents to which at the time they had paid little heed.

Another railway worker named Feron recalled that in the previous May he had seen a woman get out of the train which arrived at the local station in the evening from Caen. She was accompanied by a pale-looking man. Although he was of insignificant physical development, the woman, strong and healthy, appeared to be in the greatest fear of him. He saw them disappear in the wood, and they never reappeared to take the return train that night for Caen.

But more startling is the story told by a gentleman farmer of the district, by name Vervisch.

One night last May he was driving to Moulin Argences on a visit to his brother. As he approached the little wood where the body has since been found, he saw, standing in the road before it, a big motor-car. Suddenly the lights of the car were extinguished, and behind him, from the distance, Mr. Vervisch heard the engines of a high-power car. A klaxon sounded three times.

The lamps of the first car were again alight, and somebody was signalling with them—signals that were replied to by the other car, whose lights were now visible lower down the road.

The farmer whipped up his horse to a trot, and as he passed the car he noticed that it contained a bulky parcel. He also marked that as he passed the lights of the car were

again extinguished, and it was only by the flickering oil-lamp of his trap that he could see into the car. The occupants of the car had apparently concealed themselves in the fringe of the wood.

It is significant that the doctors say that, judging by the state of the body, the woman was murdered last May.

The police worked hard, but they had no tangible clue to work up. The public had begun to regard the mystery as one that would never be solved.

Two months ago, however, tongues began to wag. Rumours flashed about, connecting with the crime the names of three of the leading tradesmen of Caen and a farmer of a neighbouring village. Nothing definite could be said against them except that on a night in May—the night when Mr. Vervisch had seen the mysterious signalling—one of them returned with his car to the garage at Caen and immediately began to wash it and clean it.

"Washing away the bloodstains," said the scandal-mongers; and talk flew about to the effect that the woman had been killed in an unspeakable orgy, her body had been conveyed in a motor-car to the copse, while the head, sawn off with a wood-saw, had been buried in a manure heap on the farm of the fourth member of the party, where the clothes were also burnt.

#### STARTLING CLIMAX.

Public opinion was against the tradespeople; they were boycotted by some and public feeling simmered into bitterness.

Then one night this week came the climax. The tradespeople and acquaintances were drinking in a café. They drank steadily, then jovially, and then angrily. There were high words, there was the glitter of a revolver, blows. And those who were in the café when the drunken brawl occurred knew that one of the men confessed to a share in the crime, that others made terrible accusations and there was a sinister whisper of blackmail.

The police the same night got to work again. They have questioned people, but they receive in reply only unfinishing denials. They have searched the farm where the head according to popular rumour was buried, and they have found nothing. There is no evidence, they say, that would be sufficient to convict any man or woman, and a woman has been mentioned as an accomplice.

The mystery of the Headless Woman remains as before a complete mystery. Who is she, who killed her, and why? No one but the criminals themselves can say.

#### "WILLIE" MORGAN.

#### WOMEN CHEER HIM ON HIS DISCHARGE.

Charged with the murder of his mother by the administration of aneas, William Melvin Anthony Morgan (23) was discharged by the magistrates at Newport (Mon.).

There was loud applause in court when the decision was announced. Women waved their handkerchiefs and shouted, "Cheer up, Billy."

William Morgan remains in custody, however, for trial on the coroner's warrant.

Mr. Daunton, for Morgan, in addressing the magistrates, said there had never been a case in that court or in any other where a charge of murder had been preferred upon such flimsy evidence.

#### BEHIND THE CURTAIN.

Percy Chambers (13), son of a miner, of Lenton, Nottingham, was found yesterday hanging from a hook attached to the ceiling of a room in his house. The curtain had been drawn across the window.

#### THIS MORNING'S LATEST LINES.

Mr. John William Gieve, of the firm of J. W. Gieve, Ltd., the Naval outfitting, at Portsmouth yesterday aged 67. He was a J.P. and a prominent Free Churchman.

Boy Giant's Funeral.—Although only 15 years of age, Leonard Dear, who was killed yesterday at Charlsey, Surrey, was six feet in height.

Sanitary Institute Congress.—The 34th Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute will be held at Hull, from July 30 to August 4.

The Governors of Steve School have given £1,000 each from Sir Heathcote and Sir Otto Beit, gifts to the Education Fund.

No "Unseemly Ways."—Satisfaction was expressed at Leighton Buzzard Easter vestry that the income for the year had been raised "without resorting to unseemly such as whilst driving or other obnoxious methods."

Better Trade Prospects.—There is every prospect of increased activity in the south Staffs iron and steel trades, and it is stated that further blast furnaces are to be put into operation. If the difficulty of coke supply can be met the output of iron will be largely increased.

Extinct Tititi.—In the remote country manor of Liangattock, Vibon Aver, near Monmouth, the funeral of Lady Liangattock was attended yesterday by a couple of all classes. The mourners included the only daughter, Lady Shelley Bells, and Sir John Shelley Bells. The title is now extinct.

Cancer Victim's Last Message.—"I can't stand the agony. It gets worse every hour," ran a message written by Mary Hickman, of Hurst Hill, Staffs. She suffered from cancer and was found with a bullet wound in her mouth. At the inquest a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned.

Tale of Two Wives.—John Alfred White, newsagent, of Sandown, was remanded by the Isle of Wight Bench yesterday on a charge of bigamously marrying Alice Maud Frost. Police Sergeant Morrison said that when arrested White remarked, "It's true. Alice Frost is innocent. This wife knows nothing about it."

New China Clay Find.—A valuable deposit of china clay has been found on the estate of Lady Hain, near St. Ives, Cornwall. The preliminary work of clearing away the soil has been begun.

Hymn-book Clue.—While strolling near Corbiers, Jersey, a woman visitor found the body of a woman floating in the water. A hymn-book was found on the body, which at present has not been identified.

300 Emigrants Depart.—The latest batch of emigrants to leave this country this year left yesterday from Liverpool on the Cunard liner Carmania. They numbered 800, including 60 engineers from Barrow-in-Furness.

Magistrate Pays Fine.—At Brighton yesterday, Sir John Blaker fined a woman for keeping a dog without a license, but paid the penalty himself. The woman said she was without a penny, and the dog had had to be destroyed.

Licensing Compensation Levy.—The

Licensing Committee have fixed the compensation levy for the Western Division of Kent at one-sixth of the maximum rate. There is to be no levy this year in East Kent.

Two Months for a Brute.—For brutally ill-treating a pit pony in Bentley Colliery, by knocking his eye out with part of a pit-prop, Robert Henry Haight, bricklayer's labourer, was at Dovercourt yesterday committed to prison for two months with hard labour without the option of a fine.

Captain Reprimanded.—Judgment was given yesterday in the Board of Trade inquiry into the stranding of the New-castle steamer Sporo off the Yorkshire coast. It is found that the captain, W. Pearson, was in default for not verifying his position and not using a lead. He is severely reprimanded and ordered to pay £25 costs.

Church Tower Removed.—The remaining portion of the famous Dunwich Church Tower—all that remains of the ancient city of Dunwich—has been successfully taken down and removed to a place of safety for re-erection in the churchyard of the modern church of St. James, Southwold. This step has been taken to save the tower from the encroachment of the sea.



Silver Hue winning the Three-Year-Old Handicap at Alexandra Park from Gay Canopy and Crispina.

#### STATE AID FOR FARMERS.

#### CUT OF 25 PER CENT. IN RAILWAY RATES.

Wider credit facilities for farmers. A reduction of 25 per cent on railway rates on farm produce.

Import duties on malting barley and hops.

Half rates on agricultural property and large State contribution to rural rates.

These are some of the main recommendations of the Tribunal which Mr. Bonar Law appointed to inquire into the conditions of the agricultural industry soon after he became Premier.

The tribunal, over which Sir William J. Ashley presided, recommended an import duty of 10s. a quarter on malting barley; 20s. a cwt. on imported hops, and an export duty of 10 per cent. on wheat offals.

No duty on imported wheat or flour is proposed, but it is recommended that importers of wheat should be required to send a percentage of wheat offals—25 per cent of offals to 75 per cent of wheat flour.

#### NO WHEAT SUBSIDY.

The tribunal say that they considered with some care the question whether any direct financial assistance to wheat-growing should be given by the State and decided to make no recommendation.

The tribunal also propose the encouragement of dairy co-operation and an import licence for potatoes, fresh milk and cream and dried milk imports, and suggest the formation of six wages boards to cover England and Wales and to be uncontrolled by any Central Board.

The agricultural policy for the future, says the tribunal, should be: "Better, better business, and better living."

#### ANGLESEY POLLS.

#### 1,000 MAJORITY FOR LIBERAL PREDICTED.

Fine crisp weather favoured the opening of the polling in the Anglesey by-election yesterday, and for the start much interest was shown by the electors.

The three candidates—Mr. R. O. Roberts, Conservative, Sir R. J. Thomas, Liberal, and Mr. E. T. John, Labour—had an ample supply of motor-cars, and the poll is expected to be heavy.

The general impression is that Sir R. J. Thomas will win by something like a thousand majority, though the Conservative candidate is reported to have polled very well. At the last election he was beaten by the late member, Brig.-Gen. Sir Owen Thomas, by 1,862. The poll will be declared tomorrow.

#### FATHER AND HIS SON.

#### "I AM FRIGHTENED TO DEATH OF HIM."

"I am frightened to death of him," said Mr. Wetherill, of Devonshire Mews, South Marylebone, when prosecuting his 20-year-old son, Francis, at Marylebone Court yesterday for assaulting him.

Mr. Wetherill, who is maimed and very weak, said his son, although a good scholar, would not work, but he stayed up at night and lay in bed until the early hours of the afternoon.

On this occasion he got up at 2 o'clock, after dinner had been cleared away, and helped himself to some food and when taken to task he struck witness a violent blow and knocked him down.

Asked why he did not turn the boy out, he said he had, but he removed the bolts, and his mother assisted him, though she, too, was afraid of him. He had an unmerciful temper and used most awful language. "I am afraid of being knocked about; my life is not worth living."

Accused, who said he lost his temper because his father begrimed him a bit of food, was remanded in custody with a view to being placed on probation.

#### FELL ON TO GAS RING.

#### Heart Seizure While Making a Wireless Set.

It is thought that while making a wireless set for a friend, Mr. Sidney Ray, who was found dead in a room at the rear of his tobacconist shop in High-st., Chiswick, W. London, on Friday night, had a heart seizure which caused him to fall on to a gas ring and thus burn the tap.

The room was full of gas and part of a wireless set was found on a chair close to which was a soldering iron.

Ray, who was 24, was married only three weeks ago. He was known to have suffered with his heart.

#### CANADIAN CATTLE.

#### FIRST SHIPMENT TO ENGLAND FOR 31 YEARS.

Two consignments of Canadian store cattle, the first to arrive in this country since the removal of the embargo imposed 31 years ago, have been landed at Manchester and Glasgow.

More than 200 of the 423 beasts intended for Manchester were sold to English dealers before the vessel left the Canadian shores.

Dealers from all parts of England and Ireland crowded the foreign animals wharf of the Manchester Ship Canal when the boat arrived there, and the remainder were very quickly sold at from £22 to £25 per head.

Great efforts are being made to secure a big part of the trade for Manchester. Another consignment of over 400 head is now on its way across the Atlantic, and another consignment is due in the near future.

The first bullock to come off the boat at Glasgow caused a wild stampede in the course of which the Canadian Commissioner, the Hon. Duncan Marshall, was thrown on his face. Later the bullock was sold for £500 for the unexpired.

All the animals were in fine condition in spite of travelling 1,300 miles by land and about 3,000 by sea.

The arrival of the cattle caused a big collapse in the price of cattle at Tyrone and Donegal fair.

#### PENNY DINNERS.

#### WIFE PINCHED TO MAKE HER LOOK PLEASANT.

Granted a separation order at Southend yesterday, Mrs. Yanpolsky, a Jewess, said her husband, a Russian, whose Bolshevik attitude was ever a source of trouble, used to pinch her to make her look pleasant as she sat up in bed.

Later she had had a pennyworth of butter beans for dinner, and had broken down through opening the door to policemen and broken.

Respondent denied everything. In a letter he wrote: "My wife is as cunning as a fox. She signs herself 'Your devoted wife,' but she loves me like a cat does a mouse."

The case showed the awful results of the abuse of alcohol and of this restless desire of young women to get away from their homes to live alone in London.

#### TERRIBLE LURE OF LONDON.

#### TRAGIC FATE OF GIRL WHO SOUGHT GAIETY.

A tragic story was revealed at a Wandsworth inquest on Miss Gladys Hughes Jones (28), lately living in Cross-roads, W.C., who died in hospital at Balham from heart failure from cirrhosis of the liver, due to alcoholism.

Among the witnesses was a resident of Prestatyn, North Wales, who said Miss Jones, his only child, left home about 9 years ago, having a taste for gaiety and drink. He had been sending her money for the past three or four years, and she had practically ruined him.

The coroner said that this was a tragic case of a girl, who, not satisfied with the quiet humdrum life with her parents, left home and came to London to lead her own free life, with the usual result. She had been leading a life of degradation and drinking to excess. She had been living with a man and making money in some curious kind of way which they did not know of, and drinking it all away.

The man who had been living with her was very little better, if at all, than herself. Although a solicitor, he was sent to prison for obtaining money by false pretences, and since his release from gaol he appeared to have done no work at all.

Meanwhile the girl had been drifting on and trying to get a living by selling flowers and drinking away all the money. Then, finally, owing to her self-neglect and the dreadful condition in which she got, she was told by her landlady, who seemed to be a very kind and considerate woman, to leave. Since March 18 Miss Jones had evidently been living rough, and a fortnight later she was found very ill in the street, and died a few hours later.

The case showed the awful results of the abuse of alcohol and of this restless desire of young women to get away from their homes to live alone in London.

It was stated that during the war her son was reported missing, and never heard of again. After the shock her mind became deranged, and she had refused to wear mourning.

#### QUEER TRAITS OF RECLUSE.

## Impurities in the Blood

When impurities collect and are retained in the blood the whole system becomes weakened, for it is through the blood that every tissue of the body is nourished and built up. **Abscesses, Ulcers, Bad Legs, Piles, Glandular Swellings, Eczema, boils, Pimples and Eruptions** are all symptoms of deep-rooted blood impurities, and not until the blood is thoroughly cleansed can complete recovery be obtained. Let Clarke's Blood Mixture cleanse your blood and cure you, and bring you real and lasting relief.



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## A MODERN STORY OF LOVE & INTRIGUE

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"AM," answered Mr. Hammerden, "and at once here. I believe implicitly in seeing whom I'm dealing with. On the other hand, I believe in using agents myself who are not known."

Both his listeners agreed intently.

"Therefore I propose to use for his job a few men whose names I have here. Men that I think can be trusted. They do not know too much—and they are not known themselves. The first on my list—and on my pay sheet from today, by the way—is Major Gilbraith."

"Well, Gall!" exclaimed the Honourable Bill. "The very man! By Gad!"

"Is a fine idea," seconded Mr. Courtney enthusiastically.

"I'll supplement him with," here the man referred again to his pocket-book, "Captain Robert Rattray, Lieutenant James Anstruther Carrington, Captain Percival Bowes Chevington, and Lieutenant Barnaby Ferriby."

"The boys!" shouted Mr. Blakeley exultantly.

"Holy Gods—the b-boys! Your remember? 'X.Y.Z.'s' chickens?"

"Of course I remember," said Patrick.

"It's only three days ago we met, though it seems more like three years."

"Oh, what a bunch!" continued Mr. Blakeley. "What a little parrot for Mr. Blakeley! What a gang. Walk through hell, without boots, every man of them."

"I leave them to Courtney and yourself," went on the big man. "Find them, tell them what you think fit—and pay what you like. I've an idea it's going to be a rough journey. One thing is imperative: they must not see or communicate with me—or openly with you."

"The job must not be known in the affair at all."

"As things open out, give each man the job he's best suited for and let him get on with it. The Major will be at my office this morning. I'll give him his instruction on the phone."

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The following selection from the list of chapters will give some idea of the thoroughness with which this little work has been prepared.

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## OUR NEWMARKET LETTER.

### HORSES TO FOLLOW THIS WEEK.

From Our Own Correspondent.  
Newmarket, Saturday.—Our horses expected to do well in the big races have done good work during the past week. I have seen PONDOLAND do two gallops this week, and I am quite convinced that at the moment he is well for his engagement in the Newbury Cup next week.

Our best for this race I take to be PONDOLAND, FORNOVO, and WEATHERVANE. The first named's acceptance for this race instead of the City and Suburban gives him a better chance of winning, because I am sure he would not beat RE-ECHO in the Epsom event.

PONDOLAND was fully expected to win the Liverpool Spring Cup. His running suggests to me that he will be better suited over a mile.

WEATHERVANE, I believe, suffered from a "leg" last back-end, which may account for his absence from a racecourse since last July.

I cannot seriously fancy our others, and I shall choose FORNOVO

to be our best.

The Derby favourite, TOWN GUARD, is engaged in the Lingfield Park Spring Stakes next Thursday, together with PHAROS, but they can hardly be properly wound up yet. One has only to see Town Guard at work to realise the progress he is making, and his owner's remarks at Plymouth will tend to add to his many supporters.

There is a stable companion of the same age by name KNOCKDOWN, who appears to be a very nice colt, but has not yet been seen in public. I believe last year Gilpin could never train this son of Phalaris to his satisfaction on account of a certain "tightness" in the

### NEWMARKET'S BEST.

#### MONDAY— ROSSMOYNE (Warwick)

#### WEDNESDAY— FREE FROM PRIDE (Lingfield)

#### THURSDAY— BACK STAIR (Lingfield)

shoulders which impeded the colt's action.

At Warwick on Monday in the Shorts Y.O. Plate we have very few entries, of which BLACK FAIRY is our best.

ROSSMOYNE in the Blacklow Handicap has an excellent chance of turning the tables on Reces. MIDDLE FLECHE has been undergoing for some time now a thorough preparation for a long distance race, but I do not expect her to beat H. Sadler's charge.

In the Kington Plate TEE-TAN may improve upon her Nottingham running and win.

On Tuesday SURE GAIN may be all the better for her outing at Birmingham, where she performed well enough to induce me to select her for the Horbury Betting Plate.

In the Leamington Spring Handicap, presuming ROSSMOYNE runs on Monday, we must rely on TERESKEEN.

On Wednesday, at Lingfield Park, FREE FROM PRIDE, who was unlucky at Liverpool in the Union Jack Stakes, has a chance to make amends in the Chiddington Mallett Plate.

RAGOUT ran second in the Victoria Spring Handicap last year, and judging from his recent work he should be fit enough to win.

The Felbridge Plate I shall leave to either SCHOOLATE or BLACK FAIRY.

On the second day SURE GAIN is in again, in the Grange Selling Plate, and it kept for this race may prove to be our best.

The Lingfield Spring Stakes last year was won by ROMAN FIDDLE, with 3 lb. lead, but the opposition on this occasion is much stronger. He apparently was unlucky not to win at Leicester last Thursday, and his chance must be considered. I do not expect Pharo and Town Guard to run, and from those at the bottom of the handicap I like TRAJANUS best.

BACK STAIR proved his usefulness on Monday last at Kempton, and has a good chance of winning the Mapleton Plate. I fully expect SPWAN to win a race, and he may be a danger.

In the Four Elms Plate I shall give AMERICUS BOY one more chance.

At Pontefract on Thursday either MOABITE or SILVER GRASS should win the Pontefract Plate.

BOWOOD ran well enough in the Queen's Prize at Kempton Park to suggest his support in the New Stands Plate.

On Friday I select PUNTA GORDA C. for the Juvenile Plate; MARSH'S SELECTED in the Carlton Plate; and GIANTFORT in the Houghton Plate.

At Newbury on Friday in the Greenham Stakes ROSEWING and J. JARVIS'S selected are the best of ours engaged.

The Cheltenham Handicap I leave to SICYON.

If COLORUS misses the Greenham Stakes for the Berkshire Y.O. Handicap he should be supported. POFUS is a danger.

In the Manton T.Y.O. Plate GRAND LASSIE should win again.

I shall conclude by leaving the Thameham Long Distance Handicap to SPITHIDE.

### SERGEANT MURPHY.

Sergeant Murphy, the 13-year-old winner of this year's Grand National Steeplechase, is to end his days in another country, his owner, Mr. "Laddie" Sanford, having decided to send him to his father's Hurricane Farm in America.

Mr. Sanford bought Sergeant Murphy two years ago for £3,000, and the value of the Grand National which he won was £7,750.

During his long racing career the horse was never sick, never ill, never lame, never fell.

In last year's Grand National he slipped into a ditch, but this of course, was not due to faulty jumping.

Cyril Tolley, the amateur golfer champion of 1922, was in splendid form during exhibition play in which he took part on the Bolton Park course on Thursday. In an invitation medal round Tolley returned a 73.

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## SHARKEY'S FAIRY TALES.

### MY WEIGHT 8st. 13lbs. ! UNFOUNDED RUMOURS IN NEW YORK.

By JAMES WILDE.

When in England a few weeks ago Jack Sharkey, the American bantamweight, told me that he owned a restaurant in the Greenwich Village district of New York. From Jack's conversation I gathered that it was his great aim in life to hand out the "food," and since his return to the States he has handed it out lavishly to the reporters of New York State.

Moreover, the "wise guys" have swallowed every word, and Jack went so far as to tell them that during his stay over here he spent some time as "Wilde's guest."

In view of that statement, Sharkey has Dr. Cook and De Rougemont unplaced, for, apart from a ten-minutes' talk I had with Sharkey at the National Sporting Club, I never came within hearing distance of my first opponent in the States.

According to the latest interview with Sharkey, my present weight is 8st. 13lb., and my waist-line would not disgrace a Daniel Lambert. Jack is sure that I cannot do the fly-weight for Villa.

Of course, Sharkey's foolish assertions were treated seriously by some of the scribes of New York, and there are others who are prophesying that my contest with Villa is off, owing to the dissolution of the Republic A.C., whose matchmaker was Mr. Tom O'Rourke.

All that I can say in answer to this is that the whole of my dealings for my record bout have been with Mr. O'Rourke, from whom I have just received the contract duplicate duly signed. Each side now holds the signature for the Wilde-Villa contest at Polo Ground, New York, on June 16.

I have also received the formal contracts from the New York Boxing Commission, and this will be returned duly signed, to suit the requirements therein.

With the promoter and the Commission backing the bout, what more could a boxer expect?

There is just one thing more that I expect, and that is to be in prime condition when I leave England on May 12.

My readers can rest assured that I am training very hard and each week I am increasing the severity of my work.

The gymnasium at the Cardiff Cinema Club has been fitted up with every facility, and I am making use of everything on hand.

By the by, Jack Sharkey promised to help me along when I arrive in New York, and you know I can sit down for hours listening to a "good tale."

### COUNT OUTS" NOTES.

What's wrong with modern boxing? Jack McAuliffe has joined up with Jim Corbett in advocating the hit in the clinch. Why not go further and introduce the back-heel, and have Rafferty's rules printed in letters of gold?

At home we have our McAuliffes and Corbets, and only the other day I heard speak of the justification of Endurance rules. Happily these rules went out of date some time ago, all for the good of the game, for I doubt whether the modern boxing fan would care to witness a contest such as that fought between A. Bowen and J. Burke, at New Orleans, on April 6, 1923.

Bowen and Burke boxed 110 rounds, lasting 7 hrs. 19 min., and then the gladiators agreed to a draw.

Surely this must have been one of the slowest bouts on record, and I have often wondered what kind of pace was set in the several other glove contests lasting 40 rounds or more.

I will leave out the fact that our amateurs settle their differences over three rounds and recall the classy professionals reigned in the competitions of a generation ago.

Even the chief contests of that period were not all Marathon affairs, for some of the best were limited to a distance of 12 rounds.

And because Jimmy Wilde's bout with Panchito Villa is programmed for 15 rounds it stands to be shot at as a "so-called world's championship match."

Did you know that Joe Lynch boxed 25 rounds at the National Sporting Club, and was not that contest described as a championship bout?

Can anybody deny that Benny Leonard is not the light-weight champion of the world, and Benny won the title in a no-decision scheduled for 10 rounds.

Dempsey defended his world's title in a 12 rounds no-decision with Carpenter, and Georges claimed the light-heavy-weight championship of the world when he defeated Battling Levinsky in the fourth round of a 12 no-decision contest.

I am not kicking against 20 rounds as a championship course, but I do hold that titles can be won and lost fairly and squarely in a lower number of scheduled rounds.

In the Ring, to-morrow night, Van Dyk, of Holland, and Johnny Chiarella, Wales, will engage with another tie-a-tete, as far as possible.

Alf. Bright and Jim Rideout meet at the Drill Hall, Bow, to-morrow night. Could make a joke on "Rideout," but that wouldn't be "Bright."

Something was said of sending a squadron of aeroplanes to Dublin to hurry Siki back to France. Siki, however, found it possible to do the "fly wait."

Tom Gibbons and the Canadian heavy-weight Jack Renault are meeting in New York next month for the right to meet Jack Dempsey and the canvas-covered Mills.

Traveling to America via Australasia and the Pacific, Air Mechanic Pat Mills was recently beaten in a 12-rounders at Brooklyn by Joe Tiptiss. Always said that Mills would do so far.

It is reported that Carpenter will meet Marcel Miller for the heavy-weight championship of France on May 10. On the same day Charles Léonard will box Rousis for the European bantam title, and Fred Bretonnell will oppose Paul Fratich for the light-weight championship of France. Another chance of hearing the judgment of Paris.

Ex-champion Ernie Rice will meet Fred Devaney (Hamilton) in a light-weight bout of 15 rounds at the National Sporting Club to-morrow night. The purse is to be divided, but the winner will want "Hall."

## RUTHERFORD'S LAST MATCH.

### GREAT OUTSIDE - RIGHT LEAVES ARSENAL.

Jock Rutherford, the great outside-right, who has been appointed manager of the Stoke Club, played his last game with the Arsenal against Aston Villa on Easter Monday, when, for the first time, and the last, he acted as captain of the team.

Rutherford, who has been associated with the Arsenal for 10 years, had a great reception, and at the close the band played "Auld Lang Syne," while the members of the team shook hands with the old international, who was carried shoulder-high from the field.

Rutherford's playing career extends over 20 years, and he came from Newcastle to London. He was a member of the Percy Main school team which won the Tynemouth Schools League in 1903 and the Tynemouth Schools League and Northumberland and Durham Schools Cup in 1909.

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